



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHIN MUTO

Application No.: 09/625,842

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For: SYSTEM FOR SEARCHING
FOR APPARATUS CONNECTED
TO NETWORK AND APPARATUS
EMPLOYED BY SAME SYSTEM,
AND CONTROL METHOD
THEREFOR

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents listed are also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,796,951
U.S. Patent No. 5,910,803
Europe 1067731
Europe 0614151

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report dated June 17, 2002 is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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